AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

 (Currently Amended) A belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, comprising: two rollers for supporting a belt so as to be substantially in parallel with each other; two frames for supporting the rollers and attached to opposite ends of one of the rollers respectively so as to be perpendicular to the rollers;

two support members attached to opposite ends of the other roller so as to be perpendicular to the rollers;

two elastic members interposed between the two support members and the two frames respectively; and

a belt mounting guide provided between the two frames;

wherein the belt mounting guide includes a rotating shaft disposed in parallel with the <u>two</u> rollers, and an edge portion <u>disposed along a length of the rotating shaft, the edge portion being</u> inclined relative to an axial direction of the rotating shaft.

- 2. (Original) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a step portion is provided at one end of the edge portion of the belt mounting guide and in a position where the belt travels normally.
- 3. (Original) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the belt is mounted, the belt mounting guide is located to be higher than a frame that forms a slot portion included in an apparatus body in which the belt unit is mounted.
- 4. (Original) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rotating shaft of the belt mounting guide is provided with a blade for cleaning a back surface of the belt.
- 5. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic printing apparatus, comprising: an apparatus body; and a belt unit installed in the apparatus body; wherein the belt unit includes:

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a belt, two rollers for supporting the belt so as to be substantially in parallel with each other, two frames for supporting the rollers and attached to opposite ends of one of the rollers respectively so as to be perpendicular to the rollers, two support members attached to opposite ends of the other roller so as to be perpendicular to the rollers, two elastic members interposed between the two support members and the two frames respectively, and a belt mounting guide provided between the two frames; and the belt mounting guide includes a rotating shaft disposed in parallel with the two rollers, and an edge portion disposed along a length of the rotating shaft, the edge

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6. (Original) The electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 5, wherein the apparatus body includes a frame that forms a slot portion in which the belt unit is installed; and, when the belt is mounted, the belt mounting guide is located to be higher than the frame.

portion being inclined relative to an axial direction of the rotating shaft.

- 7. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the belt mounting guide is rotatably mounted to the two frames.
- 8. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rotating shaft includes a lever to rotate the belt mounting guide to a desired position.
- 9. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the belt mounting guide is disposed between the two rollers.
- 10. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the two rollers comprise a drive roller and a tension roller.
- 11. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising a rotatable shaft disposed between the two frames, the rotatable frame having an eccentric cam disposed at opposite ends thereof.
- 12. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the eccentric cam is connected to the tension roller.

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13. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the rotatable shaft includes a lever that rotates the rotatable shaft to a desired position.

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14. (New) The belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein rotatable shaft includes a lever that rotates the eccentric cam to place tension on the tension roller.

15. (New) A belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, comprising:

a rotating shaft being positionable in parallel between rollers of the belt unit; and an edge portion disposed along a length of the rotating shaft, the edge portion being inclined relative to an axial direction of the rotating shaft.

16. (New) The belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 15, wherein the rotating shaft is positionable between parallel frame members of the belt unit.

17. (New) The belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 16, wherein the belt mounting guide is positionable at a location higher than the parallel frame members.

- 18. (New) The belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 15, further comprising a blade for cleaning a back surface of a belt.
- 19. (New) The belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 16, wherein the belt mounting guide is rotatable between the parallel frame members.
- 20. (New) The belt mounting guide for a belt unit of an electrophotographic printing apparatus, according to claim 15, further comprising a step portion at one end of the edge portion to receive a belt.